

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mazumder et al.

Serial No.: 09/917,096

Group No.: 1762

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Examiner: E. Fuller

For: FABRICATION OF CUSTOMIZED, COMPOSITE, AND ALLOY-VARIANT COMPONENTS

USING CLOSED-LOOP DIRECT METAL DEPOSITION

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: